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## REQUEST FOR FILING OF CONTINUING PATENT APPLICATION PURSUANT TO 37 CFR §1.53(b)

Prior Application: 10/175,149

Art Unit: 1742

Examiner: Sikyin Ip



Mail Stop Patent Application Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a request pursuant to 37 CFR §1.53(b) for filing a continuation patent application of prior patent application no. 10/175,149, filed on June 20, 2002, for LEAD-FREE SOLDER ALLOY.

- [x] 1. Attached is a copy of the prior patent application no. 10/175,149 as originally filed on June 20, 2002.
  - [x] a. A copy of the declaration filed in the prior patent application is attached.
- [ ] 2. A Preliminary Amendment is attached.
- [x] 3. The filing fee is calculated based on the claims in the prior patent application and item 2 above as follows:

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- [X] 4. [X] a. A check in the amount of \$750 is attached.
  - [ ] b. This patent application is being filed

without a fee.

- [] c. Please charge my Deposit Account No. 50-1079 in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_
- [X] d. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional filing fees required pursuant to 37 CFR 1.16 and/or any patent application processing fees pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17, including extension of time fees pursuant to 37 CFR §1.17(a)-(d), associated with the prosecution of this patent application and to credit any excess payment to Deposit Account No. 50-1079. A duplicate copy of this letter is attached.
- [X] 5. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: This is a continuation of Patent Application No. 10/175,149 filed on June 20, 2002.
- [X] 6. Priority of Japanese Patent Application No. 2001-195903, filed on June 28, 2001 in Japan, is claimed pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §119.
  - [X] a. The priority document has been filed in prior patent application no. 10/175,149.
- [X] 7. The prior patent application is assigned of record to Senju Metal Industry Co., Ltd.
- [X] 8. The power of attorney appears in the original papers of the prior patent application.
- [X] 9. An Information Disclosure Statement is attached.
- [X] 10. The entire disclosure of the prior application, for which an oath or declaration is being supplied herewith, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.

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